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For: PHARMACEUTICAL OR DIETARY COMPOSITIONS BASED ON SHORT-CHAIN FATTY  
ACIDS AND COMPLEX SUGARS, FOR INTESTINAL DISORDERS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Official Action of March 22, 2010, and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 23-33, drawn to an oral pharmaceutical or dietary composition containing at least one short-chain fatty acid or salt, ester and/or amide thereof, in combination with a complex sugar and/or dietary fibre.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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